

## HARNEY COUNTY FIRST

Greatest Field for Investment in the  
Entire State of Oregon

## NATURAL RESOURCES ABOUND

Great Expanse of Fertile Land yet Subject to Entry Has a Value  
Little Appreciated by Local People—Capable of Producing  
Great Wealth When Properly Handled—Transportation Sure.

After visiting a considerable  
portion of the state during the  
last two weeks and noting con-  
ditions, the manager of this great  
enterprise weekly has returned  
more fully convinced of the  
bright prospects for the future  
of the Harney country. No  
part of Oregon offers better  
returns for the capitalist or  
of moderate means than this  
section.

We are handicapped on ac-  
count of isolation and distance  
from markets but on the other  
hand we have opportunities not  
found in the older settled sections  
where competition in every  
line is keen. Our raw land has  
a value we little realize—not for  
what it produces now, but what  
it will produce when conditions  
justify its tillage and develop-  
ment. Men are paying high  
prices for land on the outside  
and will not produce any more,  
as much, and are satisfied  
with small returns—that is small  
compared to what could be  
produced here. We are entirely  
skeptical and "cold footed"  
in accomplishing what really is pos-  
sible even under present con-  
ditions. While we have faith and  
confidence in the future of our  
country we are prone to wait un-  
til something happens to better  
justify a before preparing for  
it. We await outside people  
to come and do things that we  
could be doing ourselves.

G. Howell, the Portland  
capitalist and his associates are  
bringing a spirit that should en-  
courage local people to greater  
activity. The purpose to reclaim  
large acreage in the Harney  
country and are not going to  
wait for railroads or anything  
else. Mr. Howell proposes to de-  
velop his big tract recently pur-  
chased from A. Venator, near  
Lake, by a diking system.  
This will cost an immense  
amount of money but he is going  
to have that land in shape when  
it is put out to market is a reality  
they will even farm it on a  
small scale before the advent of  
railroad if it can be put in  
shape before. Harney county  
never had an over produc-  
tion of anything and is not likely  
to have for a few years.

We are getting more people  
into the country and this will con-  
tribute so long as we have great  
expanse of land yet open for entry  
and need of development. Let  
us anticipate this and meet con-  
ditions as they come. Not wait  
until conditions compel such de-  
velopment.

The present spring has been  
one of less backward and dis-  
agreeing, but this condition pre-  
vails all over. The John Day and  
the River valleys report a  
damage to fruit, while  
throughout the Willamette crops  
are very backward, especially  
strawberries. Local  
growers should take note of wea-  
ther conditions as shown by the  
papers before they condemn  
section or become discour-  
aged.

We have great natural resour-  
ces that will prove enormous  
in the future. The Silvers  
reservoir, the best natural  
reservoir in the west, will one day  
be utilized. The government has  
a withdrawal on Emigrant  
creek as an adjunct to this and  
the two all the water of  
the river can be controlled  
and used to best advantage.  
When this means a govern-  
ment irrigation project to cover  
portions of this valley or  
of course not known. The  
acre segregation of Mr.  
Hanley and associates may be  
for such a proposition, al-  
though this suggestion is merely  
speculative, as it is not know

what disposition will be made of  
this land. It is possible that pri-  
vate capital, or even homestead-  
ers may be given this problem to  
solve, the government merely  
having control of the conserva-  
tion of the water, as has been  
suggested and looked upon with  
some favor by the government.

While the prospects for oil are  
good, we are quite sure we have  
natural gas in such quantities as  
to justify the assertion that cheap  
fuel is at hand for pumping sta-  
tions and at small cost we may  
reclaim thousands of acres of  
fertile land and make it produce  
abundantly. We should not sit  
and wait for transportation, for  
it is profitable to continue devel-  
opment. The railroad is an as-  
sured fact within a reasonable  
time and we can help to bring it  
sooner by putting all our energy  
into demonstrating what can be  
produced and exploiting our abun-  
dant resources.

### ALFALFA AND DROUGHT.

As a drought resisting crop  
alfalfa perhaps stands as fore-  
most among the plants that are  
raised in the west. Alfalfa is a  
plant that starts slowly, when  
conditions are unfavorable, but  
when a stand is once established  
the plant becomes extremely har-  
dy, surviving drought and hot  
winds more successfully than al-  
most any other crop.

This hardness is due to the  
fact that the alfalfa root goes  
deep into the soil and the root  
system is so extensive that the  
plant will live even during ex-  
treme drought. According to a  
bulletin from the Kansas experi-  
ment station alfalfa roots have  
been found at a depth of nine  
feet. At the Colorado experi-  
ment station alfalfa roots have  
been found at a depth of 12 feet.  
Alfalfa is without doubt one of  
the deepest rooted plants grown.  
In Kansas alfalfa growing has  
been indulged in very success-  
fully and within the last few  
years alfalfa has become to be  
known as the best crop of all for  
dry land farming. It is now be-  
ing raised in portions of Kansas  
where rain fall is very light.

Prof. A. M. TenEyck, agrono-  
mist at the Kansas station, has  
made an extensive study of the  
plant and he speaks as follows  
of the benefits to be derived from  
alfalfa growing:

"I believe that alfalfa will do  
more for western agriculture in  
the next fifty years than all the  
other crops which farmers may  
be able to grow in this region.  
The soil of western Kansas and  
of much of the Western Plains is  
usually rich in the mineral ele-  
ments of plant food, but, as  
stated before, it is often lacking  
in humus, which become espe-  
cially noticeable if the land has  
been farmed continuously to  
wheat for a few years. By grow-  
ing alfalfa it is possible to in-  
crease the supply of humus in the  
soil, and the roots of the alfalfa  
penetrating deep into the  
subsoil disintegrate and deepen  
the soil, and altogether greatly  
improve its texture, giving it  
greater capacity to absorb and  
hold water. The beneficial effect  
on the soil of growing alfalfa is  
only incidental to the rapid in-  
troduction of the crop through-  
out the West. The great value  
of the crop as a money-maker is  
the main factor which is introduc-  
ing it into the agriculture of the  
Central West. Where alfalfa  
can be successfully marketed or  
fed, no other crop grown in the  
West will yield so great a net  
profit per acre in a series of  
years."—East Oregonian.

Schenk wants more coyote  
hides and other furs.

### NOTES FROM SUNSET.

—ANANIAS—

F. P. Blackmer went to Burns  
last Friday and brought his son,  
Myron, home. He has been at-  
tending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Connor left for  
their home in Pendleton last  
Thursday. While here he sunk  
a well to the depth of 284 feet  
on his desert claim. Strange to  
say the water did not taste of  
oil.

Ted Guntly is banking out  
some posts for Mr. Griffin of  
Narrows.

The county road party consist-  
ing of Deputy Surveyor Beery,  
Road Master Barnes, Viewer Jap  
McKinnon and Keen and Loyd  
were in the valley the first of the  
week laying out the road which  
connects the old and new Nar-  
rows-Burns road.

John Sevedge and wife were  
visiting Sunset friends Sunday.

Fred and Ray Barron are again  
at work for W. G. Howell near  
the lakes, after an enforced lay  
off on account of some broken  
machinery.

J. H. McMullen from the  
Wright's point settlement was  
calling in Sunset Sunday.

A. R. Porter made a flying trip  
to Burns Tuesday.

There was an automobile passed  
through the valley Tuesday  
but it traveled so fast we had no  
time to interview the occupants  
to find who they were.

### INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

(Portland Correspondence).

Portland merchants met at the  
Commercial Club this week and  
took steps to decorate the city  
thoroughly in honor of the many  
visitors who will attend the Rose  
Festival early in June. The re-  
tailers plan to make their stores  
highly attractive for out of town  
guests and tourists who will be  
here for Festival week. Places  
of business will be transformed  
into perfect bowers of beauty for  
the delight of visitors. The work  
of embellishing floral designs on  
shop windows about town is now  
going on. Flag and festival  
colors will be delivered until the  
festival opens on June 7th, when  
the queen flower will reign  
supreme about the city.

Showing much interests in  
Oregon timber, a party of 18  
Michigan capitalists spent a day  
in Portland during the week.  
They represent capital of over  
\$50,000,000, and their visit here  
shows an interest in Oregon tim-  
ber that will mean the invest-  
ment of large sums here in fu-  
ture. They said some of their  
number intended to secure some  
of the remaining big trees of this  
state shortly. Two of the party  
will return to Portland within a  
few days to receive reports on  
Oregon properties they are now  
looking up. The visitors are  
mostly officials of the Michigan-  
Pacific Lumber Company.

A new member the Brown-  
ville Commercial Club, has just  
been added to the Oregon Devel-  
opment League. Brownville, one  
of the most favorably located  
cities of the Willamette Valley,  
has joined with the 89 other pro-  
gressive cities of the state com-  
posing the League, making a  
round 90 of Oregon communities  
now in line for all the benefits to  
be derived from co-operative and  
intelligent publicity work.

New and improved train ser-  
vice throughout on the Southern  
Pacific lines in this state will be  
inaugurated on June 1st. At  
that time the Shasta Limited,  
the new fast train to California,  
will be put in commission, im-  
proving the Willamette Valley  
service to a great extent.

Civil War veterans are com-  
pleting arrangements for the an-  
nual state encampment which will  
be held at Corvallis June 2, 3 and 4.

### AUCTION

I will hold regular auction sales  
on the first and third Saturdays  
of each month at the C. A. Sweet  
barn in Burns. Bring in any-  
thing you have for sale and get  
your money for it. Special at-  
tention given to sales in the  
country.

W. T. SMITH,  
Auctioneer.

## HILL MAY GET IN HERE

Reported to Have Bought the Pacific  
Idaho & Northern Road

## INVADE HARRIMAN TERRITORY

Suggested That a Hill Road May be Extended West from Weiser  
to the Coast and Opening Vast Area of Undeveloped Territory  
—Idaho People Building Road on Plan Proposed by Oregon.

The latest projected plan of  
the Hill interests is to purchase  
the Pacific & Idaho Northern  
road, and by including it in the  
Northern Pacific system invade  
the Harriman territory from the  
north, says an exchange. Al-  
though absolute secrecy has been  
maintained by the parties to the  
transaction, it was learned that a  
formal transfer of the Pacific  
and Idaho Northern property  
may be made within the next  
few days. Assistant Traffic  
Manager Hoover of the Pin road  
has been in St. Paul for more  
than a week. It is said he went  
as a representative of the local  
road taking with him all data  
concerning the physical condition  
of the property and of the sur-  
veys for the proposed extension  
from Evergreen down the little  
Salmon river, thence down the  
big Salmon to a point near White-  
bird. There the survey joins  
that of the Northern Pacific and  
it is to be the junction of the two  
roads, according to the present  
plans. From Weiser it is sug-  
gested a Hill road may be built  
westward extending to the coast  
and opening up a vast area of  
undeveloped territory. The ac-  
quisition of the Pin property will  
not only mean the completion of  
that road, over the projected  
northern route but actual con-  
struction will commence at once  
as no time is to be lost by Hill  
in invading the Harriman territory.

Council, it is understood, will  
be made a division point for the  
Pacific & Idaho Northern branch  
by the Northern Pacific in case  
the deal goes through. Rumors  
to this effect have stimulated the  
realty market in the Council val-  
ley the past few days. Values  
have been soaring not only in  
town lots but farm property as  
well.

E. M. Heigho, vice president  
and general manager of the Pa-  
cific and Idaho Northern, stated  
over the telephone last night that  
he had no official knowledge of  
any such transaction having  
been closed. When asked if  
negotiations were not pending  
with the northern Pacific, and if  
Hoover was not in St. Paul on  
such a mission he declined to  
make any statement.

The Idaho Southern railway  
has filed certification of an in-  
crease of its capital stock from \$2-  
000,000 to \$3,000,000 the first step  
toward financing the extensions  
of the Goodwin-Milner road to  
Twin Falls and Oakley, Cassia  
county, Oakley will be the center  
of the proposed 100 mile project  
of 80,000 acres to be con-  
structed by W. H. Kuhn and his  
associates, promoters of the  
Idaho Southern railway. The  
price of water rights under the  
Goose Creek Project asked by  
the company in its application is  
\$65 per acre, \$5 an acre to go as  
a bonus to the railroad. No ac-  
tion has been taken on the appli-  
cation by the state land board.

### OREGON AS A VASSAL.

Today the first train carrying  
passengers enters Klamath Falls  
over the new Harriman railroad,  
which diverges from the Southern  
Pacific trunk line at Weed, Cal.  
Does Portland comprehend what  
may be the portent to her in the  
significant attitude of Mr. Harri-  
man in his railroad policy in this  
state? It is almost a safe predic-  
tion that the Harriman system  
will develop eastern Oregon by a  
trunk line running east and west,  
or nearly so, through the state,  
up the Malheur river and across  
the great plateau to the line  
which enters Klamath today.  
One end of this line will be in  
Butte and the other in San Fran-  
cisco. It does not make any dif-  
ference where the eastern con-

nection is, the western terminus  
will be San Francisco. And  
Portland will have the satisfac-  
tion of knowing that she has  
been perfectly sane and conser-  
vative and rather than meddle  
with railroad has permitted the  
empire of the Snake river basin  
and eastern Oregon to drain into  
San Francisco.

Why shouldn't the Harriman  
system prefer San Francisco to  
Portland? Its San Francisco in-  
terests are as ten to one compared  
with its Portland interests. The  
system has steadily developed  
from San Francisco north while  
refusing to develop Oregon, and  
the San Francisco feeder is now  
completed from Weed to Klamath  
ready to receive the eastern Ore-  
gon connection at a moments  
notice and carry all of the traffic  
of southern Idaho, eastern Ore-  
gon and much of Montana direct  
to San Francisco. San Francisco  
is already in eastern Oregon at  
Klamath. Portland is as far  
away as ever.

It is such highway strategy as  
this that makes and kills cities.  
Portland by natural law is en-  
titled to the traffic of the Colum-  
bia and Snake river basins. These  
waters run past her doors. But  
the scale is easily tipped. Once  
the high plateau of Eastern  
Oregon Mr. Harriman can find  
water which runs to San Fran-  
cisco as well as that which goes  
to Portland. One is the Klamath  
or other branch of the Sacramen-  
to. The other is the Deschutes.  
The Deschutes is bottled, but the  
Klamath line is all ready for busi-  
ness. If Mr. Harriman really  
cares to reach Portland he has an  
excellent grade by way of the  
Corvallis & Eastern. If he con-  
tinues his present policy of refus-  
ing to build any line that gives  
central Oregon entrance to Port-  
land his hand will be fully dis-  
closed. It will force itself in  
bitter doses upon the people of  
this city and state.

We must know that the heart  
of Mr. Harriman is with San  
Francisco. Eastern Oregon prod-  
ucts diverted to that city are in  
Mr. Harriman's perfect control.  
He is more master there even  
than in Portland. San Francisco  
is the strategic heart of his vast  
system on the coast. It is the  
inner court in which the Harri-  
man hand is supreme. It is the  
spot where Mr. Harriman has to  
suffer no division of usufruct.  
Oregon and Portland may hope  
and wait for Mr. Harriman. If  
they only wait long enough and  
sit supine enough they will see  
their birthright slip away. They  
will see the great output of prod-  
ucts from the irrigated and un-  
irrigated zones of the vast in-  
land empire diverted to San  
Francisco, and Oregon made in  
transportation a vassal province  
of California. How do Portland  
and Oregon like the prospects?—  
Journal.

### SAYS HE WILL WIN AT COURT.

William Hanley of Harney  
county will be called before the  
federal court tomorrow morning  
to answer the charge placed  
against him of having illegally  
"fenced" more than 80,000 acres  
of government land. It is the  
great land litigation of the year  
in which Hanley is the chief de-  
fendant.

"But in spite of the formida-  
ble array of charges made against  
me, I am going to win this case,"  
declared Mr. Hanley yesterday.  
"I bought that land fairly. I  
intended and now intend to de-  
vote it to legitimate uses, in-  
cluding its division into sections  
and quarter sections for the bene-  
fit of incoming settlers. The  
charges against me cannot be

sustained by the government."

These assertions were made in  
the face of United States District  
Attorney John McCourt's em-  
phatic statements that the case  
against Hanley is a clear  
one, and that it will be shown he  
has been "bossing" government  
lands in eastern Oregon, has pre-  
vented any entrance on these  
lands on the part of would-be  
settlers and has done all in his  
power to prevent the develop-  
ment of the vast area of rich  
country which he has held under  
his grip, using the broad acres  
for the one purpose of stock  
raising.

No less than a dozen witnesses  
to testify in favor of Hanley have  
arrived from the country about  
Burns, where Hanley lives. Most  
of them are Hanley's personal  
friends and profess to know  
that he has never committed any  
illegal act in connection with his  
holdings of the great section of  
country which is to become the  
subject of litigation.

The government's charge that  
Hanley has transgressed laws re-  
gulating the public domain to-  
gether with the recent investiga-  
tion of the Harriman railroad in-  
terests with eastern Oregon, has  
attracted a great deal of atten-  
tion to the eastern Oregon coun-  
try and many people have  
evinced their desire to settle on  
the land whenever it shall be  
thrown open for homesteading.—  
Portland Journal.

### Do It Now

Now is the time to get rid of  
your rheumatism. You can do  
so by applying Chamberlain's  
Liniment. Nine cases out of ten  
are simply muscular rheumatism  
due to cold or damp, or chronic  
rheumatism, and yield to the  
vigorous application of this lin-  
iment. Try it. You are certain  
to be delighted with the quick  
relief which it affords. Sold by  
all good dealers.

### Whooping Cough.

This is a more dangerous dis-  
ease than is generally presumed.  
It will be a surprise to many to  
learn that more deaths result  
from it than from scarlet fever.  
pneumonia often results from it.  
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy  
has been used in many epidemics  
of whooping cough, and always  
with the best results. Delbert  
McKeig of Harlan, Iowa, says of  
it: "My boy took whooping  
cough when nine months old.  
He had it in the winter. I got a  
bottle of Chamberlain's Cough  
Remedy which proved good. I  
cannot recommend it too highly."  
For sale by all good dealers.

### Biliousness and Constipation.

For years I was troubled with  
biliousness and constipation,  
which made life miserable for  
me. My appetite failed me. I  
lost my usual force and vitality.  
Painful preparations and cathar-  
tics only made matters worse.  
I do not know where I should  
have been today had I not tried  
Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver  
Tablets. The tablets relieve  
the ill feeling at once, strength-  
en the digestive functions, puri-  
fy the stomach, liver and blood,  
helping the system to do its  
work naturally. — Mrs. Rosa  
Potts, Birmingham, Ala. These  
tablets are for sale by all good  
dealers.

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### If You Own Any Farm

land, or know anybody who  
does, you ought to get in touch  
with the steps farmers in all  
parts of the country are taking  
to protect themselves from some  
of the commission men who  
have been robbing them almost  
ever since they were boys.

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the best short stories printed this  
month, get the

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nent druggist of Spirit Lake, Iowa,  
says: "Chamberlain's Stomach  
and Liver Tablets are certainly  
the best thing on the market for  
constipation." Give these table-  
ts a trial. You are certain to  
find them agreeable and pleasant  
in effect. Price, 25 cents. Sam-  
ple free. For sale by all good  
dealers.

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